[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan].

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the question of the opening of the District Court at Mavelikara is also under consideration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) No.

Maintenance of roads.

401. ✻**MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the practice of using ordinary sand in place of river sand, followed by the P. W. D. contractors, in the maintenance of roads;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer is of opinion that this is better and cheaper; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the amount saved in one mile?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, where river sand is not available close by, *odai* sand or pit sand is used.

(*b*) For ordinary maintenance purposes such as binding exposed surfaces of metal etc., clean *odai* sand is as good as river sand and is cheaper.

(*c*) This will depend upon the locality and the availability of the river sand at the site.

Village Panchayat Court at Veliyathunad.

402. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any representation from the people of Veliyathunad and its adjacent places for granting a Village Panchayat Court at Veliyathunad?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Non-departmental Anchal Offices.

403. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of non-departmental Anchal Offices in the State,

(*b*) the monthly pay of each of the Masters appointed in these non-departmental Anchal Offices;

(*c*) the monthly pay of a peon in a non-departmental Anchal Office:

(*d*) whether there is any departmental test for these Masters and peons;

(*e*) whether there are peons who worked as clerks and as Masters in the Anchal Offices of the State

(*f*) whether their claims were considered when new hands were appointed as Masters in the non-departmental Anchal Offices; and

(*g*) if not, the reason of disregarding their claims?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 150.

(*b*) Rs. 10.

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(*c*) Ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 14.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes. The peons possessing the requisite minimum qualification for a post in the superior service have often worked as Masters and clerks in the departmental offices as vacancies arose.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Service in the post of non-departmental Master is not pensionable, whereas the post of the Anchal peon is permanent and pensionable. As per the rules of the T. S. R., a peon holding an appointment in the latter cadre cannot be transferred to the former. Moreover, it is the policy of the department to prefer for the post of non-departmental Masters, the nominees of the promoters of the experimental offices.

Inspector of Police at Edappalli.

404. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there are complaints against the present Inspector of Police and Constables at Edappalli ;

(*b*) if so, what are they about ;

(*c*) what is the action taken against them by the Commissioner of Police or by the Government and

(*d*) of the present number of Constables at Edappalli, how many are natives of that place ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) :

(*a*) Yes. A petition was received recently by the Commissioner of Police.

(*b*) To transfer the present Inspector and the Christian Constables who were alleged to be partial and molesting the Muslims.

(*c*) The petition was enquired into by the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Alwaye, who found the allegations to be unfounded.

(*d*) One.

Grant-in-aid to Libraries.

405. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many libraries in the State are being given grant-in-aid from the Education Department ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : 24 up to 12-9-1109.

Assistant Chief Inspectress.

406. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction is having an idea of promoting a junior Assistant Inspectress as Assistant Chief Inspectress ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM(*Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

Games fees in English Schools.

407. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether payment of games fees by the pupils

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